

The Fulton County News

McConnellsville, Pa.

THE SERVICE OF BIRDS.

Among the creatures that render service to mankind the birds occupy a foremost place. It is their function to suppress the insects that play havoc with the farmer's hard-earned crops. Fifty-three per cent of the food of birds in one locality was found to consist of the larvae of the disease disseminating mosquitoes. Horseflies are the burden not only of horses, but of other valuable stock, and the larvae of this fly are the natural food of several species of birds. The fever tick, so injurious to cattle, is the natural food of the killdeer and the plover. Corn, cotton and other crops are destroyed to a large extent by grasshoppers, and there are at least 23 species of birds that feed upon grasshoppers. Grass lands and grain crops in general suffer greatly from various insect pests, which are destroyed in vast multitudes by birds. The greatly dreaded boll weevil is food for the plover, the killdeer and others of the feathered tribe. It is a common experience to see birds following the plow and consuming grubs that are destructive to garden and other valuable plants. These friends of the planter should in every state be protected by right legislation.

The announcement by a Boston physician that electrifying the atmosphere of crowded apartments will make dull pupils bright and indolent workmen active may be worth looking into. It is possible that it would even make drowsy churchgoers attentive to long sermons. There is a stimulating influence in ozone, and this the electric current, as employed by the doctor, is said to diffuse in the atmosphere. Of course, it cannot be a substitute for fresh air. Ozone is not oxygen, and oxygen is indispensable to life. If it proves as beneficial as the doctor affirms the world will give it a cordial welcome, but the extent of its employment necessarily will be governed very largely by what it costs.

The Chicago health board secretary who condemns all flats as bad morally and physically—unfit places for the rearing of children—states a melancholy truth. It is likely that they will persist in cities as a necessary evil, but parents who can give their children the benefit of the larger, freer life of a separate home should never hesitate to do so.

A rich man in Illinois, who found wealth too much worry, has distributed his millions. Here is a hint to the other millionaires who are always bewailing the burden of their money, but to whom the thought of shedding the burden has never apparently suggested itself.

Historians tell us that Julius Caesar drank beer, and a French scientist comes to bat with the announcement that there was no such person as Julius Caesar. But even the most hardened skeptic would hesitate before claiming that there is no such thing as beer.

Menus with the food you eat pictured in lively colors are a new thing in a fashionable New York hotel. Doubtless the artist employed is he who painted a large red lobster to decorate the walls of the New York aquarium.

The rescue of a "rat" at a New Jersey resort reveals the fact that fickle femininity has forsaken a long-trusted financial depository for another, as when the "rat" was placed in the hands of its excited owner she drew from its hairy depths a roll of money. Now a woman will be sure of her personal wealth if she only keeps her head—that is, keeps it intact.

After walking some thousands of miles across the country, a man and his wife are in Boston greatly improved and increased in weight. Walking is decidedly more healthy than riding in sleeping cars, but it takes more time and costs more money, unless the pedestrians rely on hand-outs from the agricultural population.

Railroads announce that after the end of the year they will not carry trunks more than 70 inches long. The "heavily professional and mercantile travelers will have to make up for this restriction by giving their trunks the aspect of sky-scrappers.

An "artist" writes to the New York Sun rejoicing in the loss of the Mona Lisa, and speaking with measureless contempt for the "crowd" who admire it. No doubt he has scores of better pictures of his own painting.

May we remind you, worthy householder, busy with the manifold cares that a modern civilization imposes upon you, that this is a good time to have your furnace overhauled and put in order for the coming winter?

News that Aviator Atwood found it difficult to land in Buffalo because of the smoke will cause Pittsburgh to sit up and chortle in its joy.

A Pennsylvania swain is on the trail of a damsel who wrote her name on an egg. Some people persist in looking for trouble.

Appearances are deceitful. Even the fat woman in the circus sometimes has a family skeleton.

TO DISPLAY OUR NAVAL STRENGTH

Atlantic and Pacific Fleets to Mobilize.

126 WARSHIPS IN REVIEW

The Vessels, Which Will Have a Combined Tonnage Of 693,844, Will Assemble At New York and Los Angeles.

Washington.—The mobilization of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets at New York and Los Angeles October 29 to November 2 will mark the gathering of the greatest naval force that ever floated in the waters of this hemisphere. This probably will be the last assembling of present-day warships with the United States of America standing second in the list of great maritime powers, for it is certain that at the rate of development of the shipbuilding plans of Germany that nation, within three years at least, will move up to second place unless Congress should see fit to authorize each year additions to the American Navy at least double those now provided for by the existing naval program, which contemplates the construction of but two battleships yearly.

The Navy Department just made public the full list of the vessels to be assembled for the great reviews at New York and Los Angeles, and while the number combined does not equal the 135 vessels reviewed by the German Emperor at Kiel last summer, the 126 American ships, with their tremendous displacement of 693,844 tons, are really more powerful than the German fleet.

Second Greatest Display.

The Atlantic fleet will comprise 102 vessels of all classes, with a total displacement of 577,599 tons, and the Pacific fleet, 24 vessels of 116,245 tons. The combined fleets will include 32 armored ships, while the American fleet numbered 29. The American battleships will number 23 and the armored cruisers 6, while the German fleet included 23 battleships and 6 armored cruisers.

France assembled 24 battleships and 10 armored cruisers at the Toulon review last summer, but the fleet was much weaker than America's will be in other ships, as the total French display included only 82 ships. Of course, none of the three countries above named could compare with England, which assembled 173 ships at the coronation review at Spit Head, comprising 32 battleships and 25 armored cruisers.

ROOSEVELT DIGS ARBITRATION.

Most Treaties Are Merely Promissory Notes.

New York.—Declaring that "general arbitration treaties are merely promissory notes and that no promise comes in the same category as action," Theodore Roosevelt in the Outlook says: "I do not regard even good general arbitration treaties as of really prime importance."

Holding up the action of Russia in refusing to permit American citizens of Jewish faith to travel in that country as an indication of the readiness with which treaties are disregarded, Mr. Roosevelt suggests that the question of abrogating the Russo-American treaty of 1832 be submitted to arbitration.

Mr. Roosevelt says that it is inevitable the treaty will be denounced.

BANKS IN FINE SHAPE.

Comptroller Of Currency Issues Most Complete Report.

Washington.—That the banks of the United States are in a state of most vigorous health, was shown in the most complete report on the condition of the banks ever compiled by the Comptroller of the Currency.

Twenty-four thousand three hundred and seventy-one banks reported to the Comptroller their condition on June 7 last—1,276 more than reported the previous year.

Analysis of the resources and liabilities shows loans of \$15,947,300,000; investment in bonds, etc., \$5,052,000,000; cash on hand, \$1,552,700,000; capital, \$1,952,400,000; surplus and profit, \$2,065,000,000; individual deposits, \$15,907,000,000.

To Fight Tobacco Reorganization.

Milwaukee, Wis.—At a meeting of the Western Leaf Tobacco Dealers' Association preliminary measures were taken to fight the reorganization of the American Tobacco Company. The meeting was attended by representatives of forty-four prominent firms of the Middle West.

He Was Not Dead.

Chicago.—While being carried into an undertaking establishment on the West Side David Easley, 32 years old, of La Grange, Ill., who was thought to be dead, suddenly regained consciousness and shouted: "Take me out of here, I'm not going to die yet!" He was taken to a hospital for treatment and may recover from injuries received when he was struck on the head with a rifle while quarreling with Roscoe Holtz over a woman, to whom both men had been showing attention.

Royalists' Game Of Tag.

Chaves, Portugal.—The royalist parties are playing a game of hide and seek with the republican troops and whenever there is danger of being "tagged," they retreat into Spanish territory, only to appear again soon at another point on the border. One detachment is encamped directly on the frontier at Segura. All this is expected to the republican commanders, who are under strict orders from Lisbon not to violate Spanish territory.

THE BIG SHOW



ARMY TO STRIKE QUICKLY TO OVERTHROW CHINESE EMPIRE

Arabs Joyfully Accept the Italian Occupation—Nineteen Transports Land the Second Division Of the Italian Army.

Tripoli.—General Caneva, commander-in-chief of the Italian expedition, has decided to act quickly, and it is believed that the troops under him will march immediately against the positions occupied by the Turks. A reconnaissance of the desert disclosed the central body of the Turkish troops with field guns not far from this city.

Nineteen more Italian transports, escorted by warships and carrying the second division of the troops, arrived. The men were hastily landed. This division is 15,000 strong and there are now 22,000 Italian soldiers on the coast of Tripoli. Not only is the Italian position safeguarded against surprise, but an effective occupation of the interior can begin.

It is reported that the Arabs have accepted the Italian occupation joyfully, but some of the warships remain in the harbor in readiness for emergencies. Troops were landed also at Benghazi, Derna, Tobruk and Bomba. Although the utmost precautions have been taken looking to the perfecting of sanitary arrangements, cholera has broken out, and it is reported that four deaths have occurred.

General Caneva has addressed a proclamation to the inhabitants, assuring them that they have not been enslaved by Italy. On the contrary, they have been liberated from the yoke under which they have been laboring for years. They will be ruled by their own chiefs, under the patronage of the King of Italy. Religious and civil laws will be respected and taxes will be reduced or abolished.

The proclamation concludes by announcing that Italy desires that Tripoli shall remain the land of Islam, under the protection of Italy.

PATCHING IT UP.

France and Germany Arranging the Moroccan Controversy.

Berlin.—The first part of the Morocco understanding between France and Germany was "initiated" signifying agreement, by the German foreign minister, Herr Von Kiderliter-Waechter, and the French ambassador, M. Cambon. Their formal signatures will be attached later, when the negotiations which are now proceeding over the second part, concerning concessions to Germany in French Congo, have been concluded.

PEACE NOT FAR OFF.

Emperor William and the Czar May Bring It About.

Washington.—State Department officials express the view that with the German Emperor working on his ally, the King of Italy, and the Czar of Russia in a favorable position to influence the Porte, peace between Italy and Turkey is not far off and that an armistice, at least, can be arranged as soon as Turkey is prepared to admit that Italy is in technical possession of Tripoli.

BLOCKS A RICE TRUST.

Incipient Combine in Philippines Is Given Death Blow.

Washington.—Trust busting has spread to the Philippines, where Governor General Forbes has blocked a combine of rice traders to raise the price of the Filipinos' staple food. Suspecting the combination and acting on the Insular Bureau's authority, Mr. Forbes arranged for an adequate supply of American rice to replace the rice in bulk in Indo-China and for its sale at cost to the famine-threatened natives.

CANNOT GET A CONVICTION.

Fifth Man Freed In Connection With Negro's Lynching.

West Chester, Pa.—Efforts of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to secure a conviction in connection with the burning to death of Zach Walker, the negro, at Coatesville, failed again Tuesday, when a jury acquitted Oscar Lampey, who was charged with being a member of the mob that lynched Walker. Lampey is the fifth defendant to be freed of a murder charge in connection with the lynching.

TRIED TO POISON CHILDREN.

Someone Poured Carbolic Acid On Their Lunch.

Indianapolis.—Mrs. Julia Robinson, being called from home, prepared a lunch for her little daughters, who attended school. When she returned home she found both children sick and their mouths badly burned. Someone had entered the dining-room and had poured carbolic acid on the food, but the children had taken but one mouthful and thereby escaped serious injury.

FIERCE BATTLE WITH INDIANS

Leaders Of The Rebels Unable To Hold Back The Chamula Indians—Loss of State Troops Small.

Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas, Mexico.—Fighting late Monday afternoon for the possession of the little town of Chiaspilla, held by insurgents whose strength was estimated as 900, a force of volunteers numbering 100, killed 130 rebels and captured 105, 18 of whom were wounded. The loss to the government forces is given as less than a dozen killed.

Early reports were that the state troops met with little opposition, but it is now known that the encounter was the fiercest since the beginning of the insurrection. The state troops were commanded by Col. Manuel Paz.

"General" Antero Ballinas is the name of the commander of the rebels, and according to the prisoners he escaped with the majority of his force. His second in command, "Colonel" Marcelin Jimenez, was killed.

The rebel force was three-fourths Chamula Indians. They were armed principally with machetes and lances and a few antiquated firearms.

Upon receiving word that the troops were advancing the insurgents dug trenches and prepared to withstand the attack; but it was impossible for the leaders to control the Indians, who ran forward to hurl their lances, exposing themselves to the fire of the maulers. For two hours the volunteers raked the trenches with their fire, but at the end of that time the defenders fled, leaving behind a mortar and an old cannon, from which they had managed to fire a few ineffectual shots.

NATIONAL DEMOCRATS JAN. 8.

Plans To Meet On Jackson Day In Harmony Dinner.

Washington.—It is stated here on good authority that plans are on foot to call a meeting of the Democratic National Committee on January 8 next, Jackson Day, for the purpose of issuing the call and selecting the date and place for the next Democratic National Convention. Norman F. Mack, chairman of the committee, favors this idea.

If the committee is called together in January it is proposed to honor the memory of Jackson with an old-fashioned Democratic harmony dinner, to which will be invited the Democratic Governors and others prominent in the party who have been mentioned in connection with the Presidential nomination.

FOR HIGHER-PRICE COTTON.

Colquitt's Proposed Conference Indorsed By Five Governors.

Austin, Texas.—Governors of five Southern States have indorsed the proposal of Gov. C. B. Colquitt, of Texas, for a conference on higher prices for cotton. They are the Chief Executives of Virginia, South Carolina, Alabama, Florida and Arkansas.

ASSAULTER LYNCHED.

Negro Is Taken To The Scene Of His Crime and Hanged By A Mob.

Greenville, S. C.—The negro Will Jackson, who assaulted a 11-year-old girl at Honea Path, was taken from the Greenville sheriff by a posse near here and taken to the scene of the crime.

A telephone message reaching here at midnight from Honea Path states that the negro was hanged to a telegraph pole there shortly after 11 o'clock and his body riddled with bullets.

Torpedo Boats Sunk.

London.—A dispatch to a London news agency from Pera says that the Turkish torpedo boats Tokat, Hamid, Abed, Alpagut and Antalia, while returning from the Ionian Sea, were surprised by an Italian squadron near Mytilene, October 9. A smart engagement followed and three of the torpedo boats were severely damaged and sank. The fourth escaped by hoisting a foreign flag.

Parcels Pact With Panama.

Washington.—Postmaster-General Hitchcock announced that a parcels post convention with the Republic of Panama had been agreed upon and would be made effective as early as possible.

Money For Indians.

Washington.—The Sacs and Foxes of the Mississippi tribe of Indians in Iowa and Oklahoma will receive their full pro rata share of the \$1,020,000 trust funds now in the treasury to their credit as soon as they assume citizenship.

Life Sentence For Kidnappers.

Chicago.—Giuseppe Nicolosi and his brother, Carmelo, were sentenced to life imprisonment after they had been found guilty by a jury of kidnapping five-year-old Angelo Marino on August 5.

Senators To See Canal.

Washington.—A party of United States Senators sailed from New York Saturday on the steamship Ancon, to inspect the Panama Canal. They are Brandegee (Republican, Connecticut), chairman of the Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals; Bristow (Republican, Kansas); Chilton (Democrat, West Virginia); Thornton (Democrat, Louisiana); Page (Republican, Vermont); Cummins (Republican, Iowa); and Overman (Democrat, North Carolina).

Accused Of Sister's Murder.

Asheville, N. C.—Charged with the murder of his 13-year-old sister Mary, Ernest Webb, 15, was locked in the county jail, a week after the alleged commission of the crime at his parents' home, at New Found, 12 miles from this city. Mr. and Mrs. George Webb, the parents, are in the custody of a deputy sheriff at New Found, charged with being accessories before and after the fact.

TAFT DIGS WITH GOLDEN SPADE

Breaks Ground For Panama Exposition.

OVER 100,000 CHEER HIM

Never-to-be-Forgotten Scenes in the Golden Gate Park—All San Francisco in a Delirium Of Excitement.

San Francisco.—More than 100,000 people massed in the Golden Gate Stadium Saturday to see President Taft turn the shovel of earth that broke the ground for the site of the Panama-Pacific Exposition of 1915.

At 10 o'clock the President began his parade from the city. Every military post for miles along the Pacific Coast had been ransacked for its troops and its hands and every battleship of the Pacific fleet near San Francisco supplied a quota of its crew for the parade.

When the President appeared at the stadium four bands from all the corners of the grounds struck up Hall to the Chief. Before the President was seen the crowd had caught the meaning of the tune, and when Mr. Taft stepped onto the platform the hillside before him presented acre upon acre of swaying, cheering humanity. They were a crowd of a festival city on a day of exceptional festivity, and a word set them cheering.

Madame Nordica, who sang at the ground-breaking exercises, rode in an automobile just behind the President. When she appeared upon the stand the people showed their holiday spirit by the ovation they gave her. Then the voice of Madame Nordica rose over the crowd. She sang without accompaniment some simple English song. The crowd listened to her intently.

By the time the President arose to speak the enthusiasm was at fever heat. It was a hard task that he had before him when he began to tell them of the enormous task of construction the Panama Canal really was. He spoke of its history and then of its future significance to the people of California and the whole west coast of the country. He concluded by tacitly admitting that it was true that he wanted the people of California to have the exposition.

When the President finished speaking the Golden spade with which he was to turn the earth was handed him. He walked down from the platform to the hillside and with his smile at its broadest set his substantial foot upon the spade. The hillside tiptoed and fought to catch a glimpse of him. He gave a shove and the spade sank into the ground. He lifted the shovel full of earth before the crowd and they took up their cheering with renewed vigor. The dirt was laid finally in a silver and gold-mounted case.

A soldier handed the President the halyards of the exposition flag. The band struck up the Star-Spangled Banner. Madame Nordica stepped forward on the platform and led the crowd in the singing. The President halted, hat over hand and the banner of San Francisco's hope for 1915 was run to the masthead.

Madame Nordica was not allowed to finish the song. Cannon on the hill sides about the stadium crashed out a salute of twenty-one guns. The battleships in the harbor caught the salute and their big guns boomed an echo to the salute. Three hundred pigeons, 200 white doves and 100 carrier baskets were released from baskets.

JUSTICE HARLAN DEAD.

Last Words Characteristic Of The Man.

Washington.—Associate Justice John Marshall Harlan, ranking member of the United States Supreme Court both in age and seniority of service, dean of living American jurists, a foremost authority on the Constitution and prominent in the councils of the Presbyterian Church, died of acute bronchitis at his home at Fourteenth and Euclid streets, Saturday morning.

He was 78 years old on June 1 last and had served 33 years, 10 months and 15 days on the Supreme Bench. This span of service has only been exceeded by those of John Marshall and Joseph Story, each of whom served a fraction over 34 years.

Despite his advanced age he was robust in health until Monday, when he developed a severe cold and on the following day it developed into acute bronchitis.

Justice Harlan was conscious to the end and his parting words to his family were:

"Good-by. I am sorry I have kept you all waiting so long."

Bronze Tablet Unveiled.

Harrisburg, Pa.—A bronze tablet marking the site of Camp Curtin, the great mobilization camp for Pennsylvania troops during the Civil War, was unveiled here Saturday in the presence of a large number of people, including veterans of the war, members of patriotic societies and school children. The tablet was the gift of the Harrisburg Chapter, Daughters of 1812, and marks the center of the camp. An oration was delivered by Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart.

Sues For Divorce.

Chicago.—Ottie E. McManigal, alleged dynamite, on whose confession the prosecution in the McNamara trials expects convictions, was sued for divorce. Her wife, Emma McManigal, charged extreme and repeated cruelty.

Aviator Schmidt Killed.

Berne, Switzerland.—The aviator, Hans Schmidt, was killed while making an exhibition flight. His machine fell 160 feet, the gasoline exploded and the aviator was incinerated.

LIVE NEWS OF THE STATE

Allentown.—Earl Royer, aged fourteen, died at the hospital here of ruptured lungs. His parents alleged that two neighboring boys in a quarrel jumped on him and caused his death.

Williamsport.—While Henry Getchen, aged forty, was leaving a hotel at Jersey Shore he slipped and fell against a door jamb, fracturing his skull. He died within an hour.

Mercer.—The Court House erected at a cost of half a million dollars to replace that destroyed by fire in December, 1907, was dedicated here Thursday in the presence of a large crowd.

Harrisburg.—Alexander Klinger, who is being held in the Dauphin County Prison awaiting trial on a charge of murder, made an attempt to cut his wrists with bits of broken mirror. Klinger was discovered in time to prevent injury.

York.—The York Ministerial Association adopted resolutions asking the State Department of Agriculture to withhold the \$1,000 given annually to the York County Agricultural Society until the association returns to its "clean fair policy."

Reading.—George Field, aged seventy-four years, while hastening to the office of a doctor to summon him to the bedside of his wife, who had collapsed from heart failure, fell over dead from heart trouble a short distance from the physician's office.

Pittsburgh.—Fire of unknown origin in the Penn Building damaged the structure \$15,000 and the stock of the Cohen Brothers Company, dealers in tailors' supplies, to the extent of \$60,000. Two persons were overcome by smoke.

Indiana.—While the directors of the poor of Pennsylvania were in convention here the office of the Indiana County Poor House was entered by thieves. Several watches, thirty dollars and trinkets belonging to the inmates were taken.

Allentown.—At a hearing before Alderman Beary D. Schardt, a Whitehall farmer, confessed watering his milk and was fined twenty-five dollars and costs. The arrest of Schardt followed that of H. Artinger, a Coplay milkman, for selling milk below the standards.

Reading.—Rajah Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will pay the first public tribute to the late Admiral Schley on Friday afternoon, October 27, Arbor Day. Special exercises will be held at the Boys' High School, after which all will proceed to Penn Common and plant a weeping willow tree in memory of Admiral Schley.

Bloomsburg.—John Peterman, acquitted ten days ago of the charge of murdering his brother, Abraham, with self-defense established, underwent an operation for the amputation of the right arm near the shoulder, this the result of the duel to death with stones between the two men.

Reading.—Catherine, five-years-old daughter of Charles W. Warner, a prominent business man of Reading, was run over and instantly killed by a trolley car in the business section of the city. The child was in the act of running across the street when she slipped and fell under the wheels.

Allentown.—After an examination by a board of physicians, Charles Reinhard, of Emaus, who was imprisoned for accusing his neighbor, Milton Fuhr, of witchcraft was found insane and taken to the Norristown Asylum. His wife, who was also jailed, was discovered to be "compus mentus."

Altoona.—Placing the basket containing their lunch under a tree, John Fay, John Steindell, Harry Barnes, George Rhodes, and Louis Conrad started into the woods to hunt chestnuts. With appetites whetted by the exercise and air, they returned just in time to see a bear finishing the last morsel.

Stroudsburg.—An east-bound express train on the D. L. and W. Rail road, running at the rate of fifty miles an hour, in passing Delaware Water Gap station had a flange causing the wheel of the tender, causing the train to tear up the track for half a mile and badly damaging five coaches. Two trainmen were injured and were removed to the hospital here.

Williamsport.—Crackmen visited Duboistown, a suburb, and blew open the safe in the postoffice with a charge of nitroglycerine. They secured over \$200 in stamps and cash and escaped. The crackmen made the visit early in the morning and the robbery was heard by a number of people. This is the fourth postoffice robbery in ten miles of here that has been visited by yegmen during the past month. Secret service men are said to be making Williamsport their headquarters.

Allentown.—Alderman Jacob Reinger, of the Fifth Ward, Allentown, died suddenly, aged sixty-two years. He was the first chief of the Allentown fire department, former secretary of the water board and a former clerk of Select Council.

Allentown.—Accused of having stolen goods valued at from \$3,000 to \$5,000, four employes of an express company are in jail here and a fifth company was arrested. The upon brings publicity to a series of alleged remarkable crimes, complaint of which long annoyed the company.

Austin.—Health Commissioner Dixon and his assistants have restored the on and his waterworks system. The Buffalo and Waterworks Railroad began the building of a station on the site of that destroyed by the flood. The ballot box swept away when the City Hall went down, was recovered today, and a count of the votes changes the county ticket. There were twenty-eight tickets in the box, and enough votes were cast for Charles Austin for County Commissioner to give him the nomination. Instead of Mr. Bartoo, who was believed to have been the winner.